Longitudinal Early-onset Alzheimer’s Disease Study

in collaboration with

The National Centralized Repository for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (NCRAD)

Biofluids Collection Training Slides
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• Questions?

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Training Overview:

• Specimen Collection Schedule
• Kit Request Module
• Specimen Labels
• Handling/Processing Study Specimens
• Sample Shipping
• NCRAD Website
• Questions?
## Biofluids Collection Schedule for CI (Cognitively Impaired) Participants:

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*can be drawn at M12 if not drawn at Baseline*
Kit Request Module

http://kits.iu.edu/leads
Kit Request Module

• An initial stock of kits will be delivered prior to the designated site specific start date.

• Kits and individual supplies are available to order:
  • CI Baseline Blood-Based Kit
  • CI Month 12, Month 24, Month 36, Month 48 Blood-Based Kits
  • CN Baseline, Month 12, Month 24 Blood-Based Kits
  • Blood Supplemental Supply Kit
  • Frozen Blood Shipping Kit
  • Ambient Blood Shipping Kit
  • LEADS 22G LP Kit
  • LEADS 24G LP Kit
  • LEADS CSF Kit
  • CSF Supplemental Supply Kit
  • CSF Shipping Supply Kit
NCRAD Kit Request Module

1. Choose your site from the drop down list
2. The coordinator name and contact information will appear
3. Verify that this information is accurate, correct if necessary

LEADS Kit Request System

LEADS Site
* must provide value
Northwestern University

067: Northwestern University
Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center (CNADC)
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine
K Kristine Lipowski
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Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: 312-603-2486
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Is the contact name above correct?
* must provide value

Is the shipping address above correct?
* must provide value

Is the e-mail address above correct?
* must provide value
### Study Visit Kits

#### Instructions:
- Indicate the quantity needed of each kit.
- Once selected, kit components of the chosen kit will appear at the bottom of the screen (Pictured).
- Click “Submit” to turn in your request.
- The IU staff will notify you that your request has been received and address any issues.
- **Note: You can order more than one type of kit in a single kit request.**

#### Kit Components:

Each CI Baseline Blood-Based Kit Contains:
- PAXgene™ Blood Collection Tube (2.5 ml)
- Plain Red Top Serum (Red-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml)
- Sodium Heparin (Green-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml)
- EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml)
- EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube (9 ml)
- Cryovial tube (2.0 ml) with lavender cap
- Cryovial tube (2.0 ml) with red cap
- Cryovial tube (2.0 ml) with blue cap
- Cryovial tube (2.0 ml) with clear cap
- Disposable graduated transfer pipette
- 5ml conical
- Bubble wrap tube sleeve for frozen blood tubes
- Pre-printed Collection and Aliquot Tube Label
- Pre-printed Kit Number Label
- 181-cell cryobox
- Accessible bag
Hints When Ordering Kits...

• For every set of CN or CI blood kits that are ordered, please indicate # of CSF kits needed. For example, if you need 20 blood kits and 10 CSF kits, how will those 10 be divided between study arms? 5 CI and 5 CN?

• Will need an LP tray in addition to CSF kit.

• Will need 1 ambient shipping kit per blood kit.

• Will need 1 frozen shipping kit per every 4-5 subjects.

• Should only need CSF shipping kit on rare occasions.

• Will need CSF Supplemental and Blood Supplemental with 1st order.
NCRAD Kit Request Module: When It Must be Used

• Each site will be responsible for ordering kits (labels included) and maintaining supplies on site for scheduled participants.

• To order, sites will use the Indiana University online kit ordering module: https://kits.iu.edu/leads

• Allow a minimum of 2 weeks for your order to be processed and delivered.
Specimen Labels
Label Type Summary

1. Kit Number Labels
2. Site and LEADS ID Labels
3. Collection and Aliquot Tube Labels
   • Differ by specimen type
Kit Number Labels

- Used to track patient samples and provide quality assurance
- Will be placed on the following locations:
  1. Biological Sample and Shipment Notification Form
  2. Outside cryobox that houses aliquot tubes during storage and shipment
  3. CSF Sample and Shipment Notification Form (IF COLLECTED)
- CSF samples will have a different kit number than the blood collection specimens

Provided by NCRAD in the kits
Site and LEADS ID Label

- Subjects will be identified by their site ID and LEADS ID
- The LEADS ID may only be available shortly before the visit
- Sites will be responsible for handwriting this onto the provided labels
  - Must use fine point permanent marker
  - Each site will receive 4 markers in initial kit supply
Site and LEADS ID Label Cont.

• Write information on label prior to adhering to tube

• Label will be placed on all collection tubes
  • PAXgene™ Blood Collection Tube (2.5 ml) for RNA
  • Plain Red Top Serum Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) for Serum
  • Sodium Heparin (Green-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) x 2
  • EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) for DNA and Plasma x 3
  • EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube (6 ml) for CLIA lab testing **CI Baseline ONLY**

• Kits will include one extra label
Collection and Aliquot Tube Labels

- Specimen Number (assigned by NCRAD)
- Study Name
- Sample Type
- Kit # (assigned by NCRAD) unique to the subject and visit
Aliquot Tube Labels – Serum, Plasma, Buffy Coat, and CSF

- Collection and Aliquot tube label only
- Please place barcode near cap
Collection and Aliquot Tube Labels

- Labels to be placed on ALL collection and aliquot tubes

1. PAXgene™ Blood Collection Tube (2.5 ml) for RNA
2. Plain Red-Top Serum Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) for Serum
   - Serum aliquots
3. Sodium Heparin (Green-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) for PBMC x 2
4. EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube x 3
   - Plasma aliquots
   - Buffy coat aliquot
5. EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube (6 ml) for CLIA lab testing
   *CI Baseline ONLY
6. CSF – Only place labels on aliquot tubes
Collection Tubes - Blood

Label 1: Collection Tube Label

- 0003591411 LEADS RNA Kit #: 302326
- 0003591410 LEADS SERUM Kit #: 302326
- 0003591412 LEADS PBMC Kit #: 302326
- 0003591409 LEADS PLASMA Kit #: 302326
- 0003591413 LEADS Buffy Coat Kit #: 302326
- 0003591414 LEADS WBLD Kit #: 302326

Label 2: Site and LEADS ID Label

- LDS:

- All collection tubes will have two labels
  - The Collection Tube Labels
  - The handwritten Site and LEADS ID Label
Collection Tubes – Blood

Collection/Aliquot tube label
*place barcode near top

Site and Subject ID label

PAXgene™ Blood Collection Tube (2.5 ml)
Plain Red Top Serum Blood Collection Tube (10 ml)
Sodium Heparin (Green Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) x 2
EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) x 3
EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube (6 ml)
Labeling Biologic Samples

Please...

• Label all collection and aliquot tubes \textit{before} cooling, collecting, processing or freezing samples.

• Label only 1 subject’s tubes at a time to avoid mix-ups.

• Wrap the label around the tube \textit{horizontally}. Label position is important for all tube types.

• Make sure the label is completely adhered by rolling between your fingers.
Handling/Processing Study Specimens
# Site Required Equipment

## Blood Collection/Safety Equipment

1. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
   - Lab Coat, Safety Glasses
2. Tourniquet
3. Alcohol Prep Pad
4. Gauze Pad
5. Butterfly Needles
6. Bandage
7. Sharps Bin and Lid

## Processing/Storage Equipment

1. Centrifuge capable of ≥2000 rcf with refrigeration to 4°C
2. -80°C Freezer
3. Wet Ice Bucket
**Blood Draw Order**

***Important Note***

In order to ensure the highest quality samples are collected, processed, and stored, it is essential to follow the specific collection, processing, and shipment procedures detailed in the following pages. Collection of biomarkers and CSF should be collected after a minimum 6-hour fast, preferably in the morning. Please read the following instructions first before collecting any specimens. Have all your supplies and equipment out and prepared prior to drawing blood. Please note that the centrifuge may take 30 minutes to cool, so please plan accordingly. Draw blood in the following order:

1. PAXgene™ Blood Collection Tube (2.5 ml) for RNA
2. Plain Red Top Serum Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) for Serum
3. Sodium Heparin (Green-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) x 2
4. EDTA (Lavender-Top) Blood Collection Tube (10 ml) for DNA and Plasma x 3
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# Sample Collection - Blood

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![Image of Aliquot Cap Colors with sample tubes labeled for each color and sample type.]

- **Orange Cap (CSF)**
- **Yellow Cap (CSF for local lab)**
- **Red Cap (Serum)**
- **Lavender Cap (Plasma)**
- **Clear Cap (Buffy Coat)**
- **Blue Cap (Residual)**
RNA Preparation (2.5ml PAXgene™ Tube)

**Step One**
- Store tubes at room temperature.
- Label tubes with pre-printed labels prior to blood draw.

**Step Two**
- Collect blood in PAXgene™ tube allowing blood to flow for 10 seconds and ensuring blood flow has stopped.

**Step Three**
- Immediately after blood draw, invert tubes 8-10 times to mix samples.

**Step Four**
- Store tubes at -80°C in a wire rack until shipment.
Serum Preparation (10ml Red Top Tube)

Step One
- Store tubes at room temperature.
- Label tubes and cryovials with pre-printed subject labels prior to blood draw.

Step Two
- Collect blood in Serum Tube allowing blood to flow for 10 seconds and ensuring blood flow has stopped.

Step Three
- Immediately after blood draw, invert tube 5 times to mix samples.

Step Four
- Allow blood to clot for 30 minutes.
- Within 60 minutes of blood draw, centrifuge samples at 2000 x g for 10 minutes at 4°C.

Step Five
- Must be spun, aliquoted, and stored in -80°C freezer within 2 hours of collection.
- Adhere preprinted labels to the red-cap cryovials.
- Aliquot 1.5 ml into each cryovial tube.
- If a residual aliquot is created, document specimen number and volume on Sample Notification Form.
- Store serum aliquots at -80°C until shipment.
Plain Red-Top Serum Tube (Serum Collection)

- Serum
- RBC, WBC & Platelet Clot
- Close up view of 2.0 ml cryovial
- Serum Aliquots (up to 4 possible)
PBMC Preparation (10ml Sodium Heparin Tube) x 2

Step One
- Store tubes at room temperature.
- Label tubes with pre-printed labels prior to blood draw.

Step Two
- Collect blood in Sodium Heparin Tubes allowing blood to flow for 10 seconds and ensuring blood flow has stopped.

Step Three
- Immediately after blood draw, invert tubes 8-10 times to mix samples.

Step Four
- Store tubes at room temperature until shipment.
- Ship ambient same day as blood draw.
Plasma and Buffy Coat Preparation (10ml Lavender-Top Tube x 3)

**Step One**
- Store tubes at room temperature.
- Label tubes with preprinted labels prior to blood draw.

**Step Two**
- Collect blood in EDTA Tubes allowing blood to flow for 10 seconds and ensuring blood flow has stopped.

**Step Three**
- Immediately after blood draw, invert tubes 8-10 times to mix samples.
- Place thoroughly mixed tubes on wet ice until centrifugation begins.

**Step Four**
- Preferably within 30 minutes, centrifuge samples at 2000 x g at 4°C for 10 minutes.
- Samples need to be spun, aliquoted, and in the freezer within 2 hours from the time of collection.

**Step Five**
- Pool all plasma from the 3 EDTA tubes into a 50ml conical tube and invert gently 3 times to mix the plasma.

**Step Six**
- Adhere preprinted labels to the lavender cap cryovials.
- Aliquot 1.5 ml into each cryovial tube.
- If a residual aliquot is created, document specimen number and volume on Sample Notification Form. Store plasma aliquots at -80°C until shipment.

**Step Seven**

**Step Eight**
- Adhere preprinted labels to the clear cap cryovials.
- Using a clean pipette tip, collect theuffy coats (may have residual plasma and some RBCs included).
- Transfer thebuffy coats into the cryovial tubes.
- Store buffy coat aliquots at -80°C until shipment.
EDTA Tube (Plasma Collection)

- Plasma
- Buffy Coat
- Red Blood Cells

Plasma Aliquots (10 possible)

Close up view of 2.0 ml cryovial
EDTA Tube (Buffy Coat Collection)

Important Note:
- Buffy Coat aliquots will be distinguished from the plasma aliquots through a clear cap.
Whole Blood Preparation (6 mL Lavender-Top Tube)

**Step One**
- Store tubes at room temperature.
- Label tubes with pre-printed subject labels prior to blood draw.

**Step Two**
- Collect blood in tube allowing blood to flow for 10 seconds and ensuring blood flow has stopped.

**Step Three**
- Immediately after blood draw, invert tube 3 times to mix sample.

**Step Four**
- Immediately after inversion, freeze the sample in an -80°C freezer until ready to ship.

CI Subjects at Baseline Only
CSF Collection and Processing
**Important Note**

CSF samples should be collected in the morning before breakfast and after an overnight fast. Collection of biomarker fluids and CSF should be collected after a minimum 6-hour fast. Only water is permitted until blood draws and the lumbar puncture are completed. Please remember to record “Last time eaten” on CSF Biological Sample and Shipment Notification Form.

- 1.5 ml Aliquots (ORANGE CAP)
- Residual Aliquot (BLUE CAP)
- Kit numbers for blood and CSF will be different
- CSF aliquot tube for local lab
- Label not provided
CSF Preparation (15-20 ml total)

Step One
- Label tubes with pre-printed subject labels prior to collection.
- Pre-chill all cryovials on wet ice.

Step Two
- Collect initial 1-2 ml (if bloody, collect CSF until cleared of blood) into 15 ml conical tube.
- If not bloody, transfer 1-2 ml into yellow-cap cryovial.
- Send to local lab for testing.

Step Three
- Collect 15-20 ml total, including the 1-2 ml sent to the local lab.
- Collect sample into 2 15 ml conical tubes.

Step Four
- Place samples upright on wet ice until centrifugation begins.

Step Five
- Preferably within 15 minutes of collection, centrifuge samples at 4°C at 2000 x g for 10 minutes.

Step Six
- Using a clean transfer pipette, transfer CSF from both 15 ml conical tubes into a 50 ml conical tube, leaving the debris in the bottom.
- Gently invert the 50 ml conical tube 3-4 times to mix the sample.
- Aliquot 1.5 ml into the orange-cap cryovials.
- If a residual aliquot is created, aliquot into blue-cap cryovial. Document specimen number and volume on CSF Sample Notification Form.
- Within 2 hours of CSF collection, samples need to be spun, aliquoted and in the freezer. Store at -80°C until shipment. Record time of freezing on CSF Sample Notification Form.
Sample Shipping
## Sample Shipment Summary

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Ambient Sample

• Sodium Heparin/PBMC

• Only Monday-Thursday collection and same day shipping. Plan ahead to schedule FedEx.

• Samples must be received at IU one day after collection.

• Do NOT draw or ship ambient samples on Friday

• Include copy of Biological Sample Shipment and Notification Form
Ambient Sample Shipping

- Place refrigerant pack in the freezer 24 hours prior to shipment.
- Place filled and labeled Sodium Heparin tubes within the slots in the absorbent pad and place in biohazard bag.
- Place the kit number label on biohazard bag.
- Place the refrigerant pack into the cooler on top of the filled biohazard bag. Place lid on cooler.
- Place the cooler in the small IATA Shipping Box.
- Place an extra copy of the “Biological Sample and Shipment Notification Form” within the shipping box along with a list of contents form.
- Close shipping box and ensure labeled with UN3373 label.
- Place box within a provided FedEx ClinPak, seal, and place FedEx label on outside of package.
Frozen Sample Shipping

• **Ship Monday-Wednesday Only**

  • RNA, Serum, Plasma, Buffy Coat, and CSF
    (**and whole blood for CI Baseline visit**)  
  • Hold packaged samples in a -80°C freezer until pickup.

• Batch Samples together
  • 5 Cryoboxes

• Batch shipping should be performed every 3 months or as a full shipment of specimens accumulates, whichever is sooner.
Frozen Shipping - Cryoboxes

Place cryobox and frozen tubes in one Biohazard Bag.

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If participant donates CSF...
- This cryobox will have two kit number stickers adhered to the outside.

Place frozen RNA (and frozen EDTA (6ml) tube, when applicable) in bubble wrap tube sleeves.
Frozen Shipping – Dry Ice Requirements

• Fully cover the cryoboxes with about 2 inches of dry ice in the provided shipper.

• Each Styrofoam shipper must contain about 45 lbs (20 kg) of dry ice.
Frozen Shipping – Dry Ice Requirements

Dry Ice label should not be covered with other stickers and must be completed or the shipping carrier will reject/return your package!

Net weight of dry ice in kg

Contains 20.4 kg of Dry Ice
Shipping Frozen Samples

• Schedule FedEx

• **Send Biological Sample and Shipment Notification Form to IU ahead of shipment**

  • **Email:** alzstudy@iu.edu or
  
  • **Fax:** 317-321-2003
Shipping Regulations and Training

PLEASE NOTE:

• All study personnel responsible for shipping should be certified in biospecimen shipping.

• It is the responsibility of each site to ensure that the appropriate training has been provided and conducted in regards to IATA shipping.

Please see following slides for resources.
Federal Regulations/Training

• Sites are responsible for ensuring proper training is obtained.
• Current federal and international regulations require anyone directly involved with the shipment of potentially infectious materials and other regulated biological materials (including biological specimens and cultures) **be properly trained on pertinent shipping requirements.**
  
  • **International Air Transport Association (IATA) Training**

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<td>DGI Training Center</td>
<td>North America 1(514)390-6726</td>
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<tr>
<td>800-338-2291</td>
<td>Europe, Africa &amp; Middle East 41 (22) 799 2751</td>
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<td>DGIt raining.com</td>
<td>Asia, Australia &amp; the Pacific 65 239 7232</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.iata.org">www.iata.org</a></td>
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<td>Air Seminars and online</td>
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| Saf-T Pak Inc.           | Aiconsult                                                 |
|                         | Email: Airconsult@wanadoo.fr                              |
| [www.saftpak.com](#)     | [www.airconsult-bf.com](#)                                |
| Provides dangerous goods |                                                            |
| training via CD or on-   |                                                            |
| site instruction for    |                                                            |
| North America and Europe |                                                            |

| Bureau of Dangerous     |                                                            |
| Goods LTD., TIANJIN     |                                                            |
| Addr.: No.3 Yingshui     |                                                            |
| road, Nankai district,   |                                                            |
| Tianjin China           |                                                            |
| Tel: 022-23495890        |                                                            |
| 83326960 83326854 / Fax |                                                            |
| 022-83326959            |                                                            |
| Email: cdmin@bdg-china.com.cn |                                                            |
| [www.bdg-china.com.cn](#)|                                                            |
UN3373 Biological Substance, Category B Training

• Biological Substance, Category B are specimens being transported for “investigational purposes”
• Recommend: investigator sites document training of category B/dangerous goods
• We recommend establishing a record of your staff’s training and date of instruction
• The training records must be made available upon request by the appropriate national authority
  • Additional information from the Department of Transportation (DOT) can be found on their website
    http://hazmat.dot.gov
Biological Sample and Shipment Notification Forms

• A copy of the sample form *must* be emailed or faxed to NCRAD prior to the date of sample arrival.

• Please include sample forms in all shipments of frozen and ambient samples.

• Email: alzstudy@iu.edu

• Fax: 317-321-2003
Biological Sample Notification Form - Blood

Send by E-mail or Fax prior to shipment, and include a copy in each shipment.

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**General Information:**
- **Participant ID:** LDS [ _____ ] [ _____ ] [ _____ ] [ _____ ] [ _____ ]
- **Study:** LEADS: [_____] CI Participant [_____] CN Participant
- **Visit (circle one):** BASELINE M12 M24 M36 M48
- **Sex:** [ _____ ] M [ _____ ] F Year of Birth: [ _____ ]

**Blood Collection:**
- 1. Date Drawn: [ _____ ] [ _____ ] [ _____ ] [ _____ ] 2. Time of Draw: 24 hour clock: [HHMM]
- 3. Last time subject ate: Date: [ _____ ] 4. Last time subject ate: 24 hour clock: [HHMM]

**Blood Processing:**

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<td>Total volume of blood drawn into a 1 x 2.5 ml PAXgene RNA tube: [ _____ ] mL Time PAXgene RNA tube placed in freezer (24 hour clock): [ _____ ] [HHMM]</td>
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<th><strong>Serum (Red Top Tube)</strong></th>
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<td>Original volume drawn (1x10 mL Serum tube): [ _____ ] mL Time aliquoted: [HHMM]</td>
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<td>Original volume drawn (EDTA #1): [ _____ ] mL EDTA #1: [ _____ ] mL</td>
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<th><strong>PBMC (NaHep Green Top Tube)</strong></th>
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<td>Storage temperature of freezer: [ _____ ] °C</td>
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<td>Original volume drawn (2x10mL PBMC tube): [ _____ ] mL Buffy coat aliquot #1 (last four digits): [ _____ ]</td>
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<td>EDTA (Lavender Top Tube - 6mL)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Original volume drawn (1x6mL EDTA tube): [ _____ ] mL Buffy coat aliquot #2 (last four digits): [ _____ ]</td>
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**Notes:**
- Blood collected for:
  - RNA
  - Serum
  - PBMC x 2
  - Plasma x 3
  - DNA
  - CLIA testing

*Ver: 09.2020*
Biological Sample Notification Form - CSF

Send by E-mail or Fax prior to shipment, and include a copy in each shipment.

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<td>Yes No</td>
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<td>Gauge needle used for LP: 22G 24G</td>
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<td>Total amount of CSF collected (mL): mL</td>
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<td>Number of 1.5 mL aliquots created (up to 14 total): x 1.5 mL</td>
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<td>If applicable, volume of CSF residual aliquot (less than 1.5 mL): mL</td>
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Notes:
NCRAD Website
Helpful Pages

• https://ncrad.org/holiday_closures.html
• https://ncrad.org/friday_blood_draws.html

What to do for Friday Blood Draws

NCRAD is not open for business on Saturday or Sunday; therefore, we ask that no samples be shipped on a Friday. We cannot guarantee the conditions in which the samples will be held by the shipping courier over the weekend. It is important to have plans in place for each type of sample to be held over the weekend prior to shipping. Please refer to the table below for how to handle samples drawn on a Friday.

When possible, please only ship frozen samples on Monday-Wednesday. There is always the potential for an unexpected shipping courier delay and by shipping Monday through Wednesday there should be enough time to receive the samples before the weekend.

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<th>Sample Type</th>
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<th>Product</th>
<th>Shipment Method</th>
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<tr>
<td>Whole Blood</td>
<td>Sodium Heparin</td>
<td>PBMC</td>
<td>Ambient</td>
<td>DO NOT DRAW ON FRIDAY. Must be drawn on Monday – Thursday.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Whole Blood</td>
<td>EDTA Tube</td>
<td>DNA Only</td>
<td>Ambient</td>
<td>Do NOT refrigerate. Please keep sample at room temperature until the specimen can be shipped via next day delivery methods the following Monday.</td>
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Holiday Closures

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<td>January 1</td>
<td>New Year's Day</td>
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<td>July 4</td>
<td>Independence Day (observed)</td>
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<td>1st Monday in September</td>
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LEADS Active Study Page

Welcome LEADS Study staff, coordinators, and PRs.
This section encompasses study specific tools and videos for your reference. If you have any questions, comments, or new ideas please contact NCRAD by email or phone (800) 526-2839 or directly at (317) 278-1170.

**CI (Cognitively Impaired) Participants**

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**CSF**

**Please note that this EDTA tube is used for the purpose of confirmation testing and is only drawn during the Baseline visit for CI participants.**

**CN (Cognitively Normal) Participants**

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**Please note that CSF is to be drawn at Baseline and M24 for CN participants. Can be drawn at M12 if not drawn at Baseline.**

Study Resources
Contact Information

Questions?

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- Website: www.ncrad.org